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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/10/04 (*initial filing of application*).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/10/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the
5 basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

10 (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b),
by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a
patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the
invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty
defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application
filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and
was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

15 2. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Phillips et al.
(US 6,615,189 B1, cited by Applicant, hereinafter “Phillips”).

Re claims 1, 13, and 25, Phillips discloses a method (see abstract), system (col. 1, lines
7+) and the apparatus (col. 2, lines 57+) for issuing a purchase card, which can be a given to a
recipient designated by the purchaser (see abstract; col. 1, lines 8-10; col. 1, lines 32+). When a
20 card is purchased, information of purchaser and recipients are stored in the database (col. 3, lines
48+), which may be later retrieved. When the purchase is complete, the card may be delivered to
the purchaser or the recipient (col. 4, lines 1-8). Although the apparatus simply refers to
computer network, and Internet Web site, in order to ensure that the card is successfully
purchased, it is inherent that that the website and other network components are equipped with
25 necessary programs.

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Re claims 2, 14, and 26, the card can be affiliated with credit network or debit network, or VISA network (col. 4, lines 1-10) wherein the card can be used in any store where Visa card is accepted.

Re claims 3, 4, 15, 16, 27, and 28, the card can be embodied as a gift card (col. 2, lines 5 57+) or stored-value card (col. 1, lines 8-10).

Re claims 5, 10, 17, 22, 29, and 34, when the purchaser buys the card, the purchaser can determine monetary amount for the card (col. 1, lines 44-46). The purchaser's account is charged if the purchaser buys with credit account.

Re claims 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, and 31, purchased card account can be converted to a credit 10 account for the recipient (col. 2, lines 30-38). It appears that the framework for such conversion is made when the purchaser initially purchases the card just in case the recipient wants to convert the account.

Re claims 8, 11, 20, 23, 32, and 35, the time and place for a delivery of the card can be arranged by the purchaser (col. 4, lines 1-9). Since the product (purchase card) has the 15 expiration date (col. 3, lines 58-67), the delivery date should have enough time till the card expiration date. If multiple cards are purchased, delivery date for each card can individually set.

Re claims 9, 21, and 33, the card can be purchased with purchaser's credit card (col. 3, lines 25-35).

Re claims 12, 24, and 36, the recipient's personal information such as name, address, 20 phone number, etc. are kept in order to deliver the card correctly (col. 3, lines 58-67).

Conclusion

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I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Dawson (US 6,454,165 B1); Dodd (US 6,633,849 B1); Phillips et al. (US 6,892,187); Risafi et al. (US 6,473,500); Albrecht (US 5,984,180); Tidball et al. (US 6,837,426); Noriega (US 6,805,289) disclose prepaid card and system. Applicant is respectfully suggested to
5 carefully review these references.

II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Ahshik Kim* whose telephone number is (571)272-2393. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:00AM to 3:00PM Monday thru Friday.

10 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571)272-2398. The fax number directly to the Examiner is (571)273-2393. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)872-9306.

15 Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [ahshik.kim@uspto.gov].

20 *All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees do not engage in Internet communications where there exists a possibility that sensitive information could be identified or exchanged unless the record includes a properly signed express waiver of the confidentiality requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. This is more clearly set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.*

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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